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Media release (Australia) – Israel: Holy Land tour and genealogy conference

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Adelaide, South Australia, 21 March 2017 – Unlock the Past announces another innovative event – a Holy Land tour (Israel) and associated genealogy conference.

10-day Holy Land tour - 23 October – 1 November 2017

This is organised in partnership with the Israel Travel Centre. It is a general Holy Land tour. Timed around and taking in the 31 October centenary commemoration of the *Charge of the ANZAC Light Horse on Beersheba* on 31 October 1917.

The general tour will visit many places of Christian/biblical interest, including later Christian and general history – Caesarea built by Herod the Great, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem (2 days and 2 nights), the Dead Sea, Masada (the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans) and Abrahams Well and Visitor Center, Beersheba.

The battle of Beersheba was part of the wider British offensive collectively known as the third Battle of Gaza. ... The final phase of this all-day battle was the famous mounted charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade. Commencing at dusk, members of the brigade stormed through the Turkish defences and seized the strategic town of Beersheba. The capture of Beersheba enabled British Empire forces to break the Ottoman line near Gaza on 7 November and advance into Palestine – *Australian War Memorial*.



2-day genealogy conference – Tel Aviv 1-2 November 2017

This is separate from, but immediately follows the tour. Unlock the Past is organising this in association with Israeli based MyHeritage as conference host and sponsor. We also welcome Legacy Tree Genealogists as a sponsor. The program will feature 12 main presentations on a variety of topics – British Isles, Europe, Jewish genealogy, DNA, War in Palestine and MyHeritage's technologies for genealogy ... and more. Presenters include Caroline Gurney (England), Daniel Horowitz (Israel), Judy Russell (US), Jessica Taylor (US) and other Jewish/Israeli experts.

Unlock the Past

Unlock the Past was established in 2009. It is the event and publishing division of Gould Genealogy & History which has served family and local historians since 1976. It is a collaborative venture involving an international team of expert speakers, writers, organisations and commercial partners to promote history and genealogy through innovative major events and a new publishing brand. It also maintains general and events directories online.

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